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FOLLOWING REPAT TEHRAN 5826 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ADDIS ABABA  
ASMARA, CAIRO, JIDDA, MOGADISCIO, MSCOW, KINSHASA, JUL 16,

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 5826

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DEPT PASS SECDEF WASHDC; USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN, GER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, ET, IR, US

SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN REQUEST FOR IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REF: TEHRAN 5718

1. ETHIOPIAN VICE-MINISTER OF FINANCE ASHENAFI SHIFFERAW CALLED  
ON ME MORNING OF JULY 16 TO FILL ME IN ON THE DETAILS OF THE DIS-  
CUSSION FOREIGN MINISTER GEBRE-SELASSIE HAD WITH THE SHAH ABOUT  
POSSIBLE IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. HE SAID THAT  
GEBRE-SELASSIE HAD ASKED THAT IRAN EITHER PROVIDE FROM ITS OWN  
INVENTORY OR AGREE TO A DIVERSION FROM PRODUCTION-RUNS CURRENTLY  
INTENDED FOR IRAN-12 F-5-ES AND 11 M-60 TANKS. GEBRE-SELASSIE ALSO  
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ASKED FOR \$100 MILLION LINE-OF-CREDIT TO HELP FINANCE THESE PUR-

CHASES. SHIFERAW CONFIRMED WHAT FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY TOLD ME JULY 12 THAT THE SHAH HAD INDICATED HE WANTED TO CONSULT WITH THE US BEFORE REACHING A DECISION AND THAT HE HAD SPECIFICALLY TALKED ABOUT DESIRING OUR ASSESSMENT OF CONDITIONS IN ETHIOPIA. I TOLD SHIFERAW THAT I HAD AS YET RECEIVED NO INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON BUT HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD BE COMING SHORTLY. I PROMISED TO KEEP THE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR BELACHEW JEMANEH, WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED HIM, INFORMED. JEMANEH, WHO IS RESIDENT IN ANKARA, SAID THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO HIS POST TOMORROW, JULY 17.

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